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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT **DISTRICT OF OREGON EUGENE DIVISION**

## KELSEY CASCADIA ROSE JULIANA, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 6:15-cv-01517-TC

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,

Defendants.

**INTERVENOR-DEFENDANTS'** MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

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LR 7-1 CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the parties have conferred regarding this motion,

but have been unable to reach agreement. The United States of America, et al. (the "Federal

Defendants") consent to this motion, but the plaintiffs oppose this motion.

**MOTION** 

Intervenor-Defendants National Association of Manufacturers, American Fuel &

Petrochemical Manufacturers, and the American Petroleum Institute ("Intervenor-Defendants")

respectfully move the Court for an extension of time until December 15, 2016, to file their

answer to the Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1)(A), the

Court may grant extensions of time for good cause so long as a motion for extension is filed prior

to the relevant deadline. The grounds for Intervenor-Defendants' motion are as follows.

1. Plaintiffs filed their original Complaint on July 12, 2015, and their First Amended

Complaint on September 10, 2015. The Federal Defendants and Intervenor-Defendants

filed timely motions to dismiss thereafter. Briefing on the motions to dismiss concluded

on February 19, 2016, and Magistrate Judge Thomas Coffin held a hearing on March 9,

2016. Magistrate Judge Coffin issued Findings & Recommendation to deny the motions

to dismiss of both the Federal Defendants and Intervenor-Defendants. The Federal

Defendants and Intervenor-Defendants filed Objections to the Findings &

Recommendation on May 2, 2016, and the Court heard oral arguments on the Objections

on September 13, 2016. The Court issued an order adopting the Findings &

Recommendation of Magistrate Judge Coffin and denied the motions to dismiss on

November 10, 2016.

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2. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(4)(A), where the Court denies a motion to dismiss,

Intervenor-Defendants must file an Answer to the First Amended Complaint within 14

days. Here, the time for Intervenor-Defendants to file their answer falls on the

Thanksgiving holiday, November 24, 2016, and the Court is closed. According to the

Court's list of Holiday Closure Dates, it is also closed on November 25, 2016. Pursuant

to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a)(1)(C), Intervenor-Defendants' answer would therefore be due on

November 28, 2016.

3. On November 14, 2016, Magistrate Judge Coffin scheduled a Rule 16 Conference on

November 28, 2016. According to Magistrate Judge Coffin's order, the parties will

discuss, among other things, discovery, potential trial dates, alternative dispute

resolution, and proposed modifications to the initial Discovery and Pretrial Scheduling

Order.

4. Further, the Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint contains 100 pages and some 310

paragraphs of allegations regarding complex legal, scientific, and technical allegations.

Intervenor-Defendants would otherwise be required to draft their Answer to the First

Amended Complaint, in part, during an extended holiday weekend, which will add

further challenges to the necessary drafting and review process. These circumstances will

significantly limit the already brief time given to answer such complicated allegations.

Intervenor-Defendants therefore respectfully request an extension of time to file their

Answer to the First Amended Complaint until December 15, 2016.

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5. Intervenor-Defendants note that such an extension would have no substantial effect on the current schedule for this matter – which will be determined on November 28, 2016 – and will not result in undue delay or prejudice to any party.

DATED this 18th day of November 2016

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